

# New Types of Building Defect Claims

New building defects laws which commenced in June 2020 received considerable media attention.

Those laws are contained in the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 and impose on builders and others involved in the construction of apartment buildings a statutory duty of care to avoid loss caused by defects.

The new laws give owners corporations greater powers to make defects claims against builders and others.

However, a recent case which dealt with another statutory duty of care highlights some of the issues that will confront an owners corporation which makes a defects claim under the new laws.

In this article we take a look at that case and explain what relevance it has to defects claims that will be brought by owners corporations under the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020.

The full case can be read here [Building Defects Claim Duty of Care](#)

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